



FEBRUARY GRAPEVINE

Spring is upon us! What a difference a little of bit of sunshine can bring to our days. Those green shoots promise so much (just like Arsenal's title hopes). Let's hope they continue to flourish and grow (unlike England's rugby team).

At school we continue to use our Spring Term to shine a lens on our pupils' learning – working hard to identify gaps and plug them – especially in our core subjects of reading, writing and maths. We look forward to welcoming all our parents at our parent consultations in a few weeks time.

We partner this strong focus on academic outcomes with some lovely activities this half-term. It is certainly action packed! We recently sent a team to the Humanities quiz amongst the CB23 schools and we returned victorious! We are sending a few sports teams out to represent The Vine in our Girls Football and Tag Rugby Tournaments. Let's hope they continue to bring the trophies home...

Meanwhile, our chickens are thriving and beginning to lay eggs. We are just in the process of date stamping their eggs before we hope to start selling them out the front of the school gate. Thank you to all the pupils and parents who have been helping with them.

In the staff room, drama continues to unfold as we reach the latter stages of the Sweet World Cup. It's taken a while, but it looks like the final will be between skittles and wine gums/refreshers....



Fundraising and the Fete!

Another thank you from myself to you and the staff here at The Vine for all your fundraising efforts. It is genuinely appreciated. All the staff donate their time and effort towards helping raise funds for the children and your continued support for events run at the school is incredibly helpful and heart-warming.

Our target is £16000 for a mini-bus which will allow us to transport your children to and from events and locations without relying on expensive coaches or your time.

We are currently at approximately £7000 (raised since last April) and have a few more events planned this year to help boost this number.

In another note, our Summer Fete is promising to be the biggest we have held here at The Vine. The school has been open for 20 years now and we hope to celebrate this milestone over the Summer Term, culminating in a wonderful Summer Fete. If you can donate any time or effort in the lead up to this event, we will have a sign-up sheet on parent consultation week by the front office.



In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hynes



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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2026

- 4 March Holi Day—Colour Run
- 10 March Parent workshop—Ed Pysch
- 18 March VIAM
- 18 March Y2 London
- 18 –25 March Spring Book Fair
- 23 –27 March Parent Consultations
- 26 March Reception Tea Party
- 27 March Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

Summer Term 2026

- 13 April Summer Term Starts
- 28 April Reception Knebworth House
- 4 May May Day
- 8 May Garden Club Sale
- 11 May SATs Week
- 19 May Donation Day
- 25 May—5 June Half Term
- 10 July Summer Fete
- 21 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** this week are:

(Little Gems), (Ruby), Harrison & Annabelle (Coral), Amelia (Amber), George (Topaz), Shivika (Emerald), Miana (Jade) Tyler & Isla (Turquoise), Lexi (Jasper), Kaitlyn (Sapphire), Rayan (Moonstone), Tabitha (Amethyst), Andrea (Tanzanite), Jacob (Pearl) and George L (Opal)

Our **Courageous Advocate** this week is Muhammed Ali, who we celebrated in Worship on Friday.

Alistair (Ruby), Ishaan (Coral), Usmon (Amber), Dolly (Topaz), Lois (Emerald), Danai (Jade) Sofia V (Turquoise), Zara (Jasper), Nathaniel (Sapphire), Alisha (Moonstone), Javier (Amethyst), Dominic (Tanzanite), Debnandini (Pearl) and Emily M (Opal)

Friday footsteps

Eagle 30 points— Kite 20 points—Harrier & Falcon 10 points

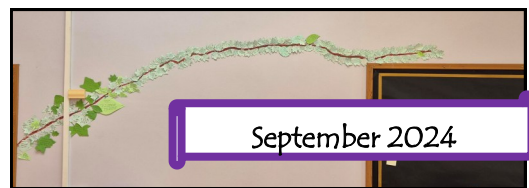
KINDNESS VINE

We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated these value, has had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'.



September 2023

Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week— Leaves have grown for Kylo for helping with PE equipment.



September 2024

Mr Hudson-Stryder for working hard to organise the offices.



September 2025



February 2026



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READING @ THE VINE



Accelerated Reader Update

Keep up the excellent work with your reading! We have already had lots of pupils reading regularly.

Congratulations to the pupils who reached their Spring 2 target during half term - well done!

Elim, Leo and Lexi (Y3) Advith, Noah and Simon (Y4) Dominic and KJ (Y5) Hamza and Olivia (Y6)

We always celebrate the pupils who reach their target, but this week I would also like to celebrate the pupils who show their passion for reading and give a shout-out to the following pupils who have reached over 1000% of their target in Spring 1:

Elliah, Emmanuel O and Olivia (Y4) Alexandria, Amelie, Esme C, Holly, Jasmine, Maamun and Swara (Y6)

If that wasn't impressive enough, **Vishruth and Caleb Y (Y6)** reached **2000%** of their target last half term, while **Alan and Joshua Y (Y6)** reached an outstanding **3000%**! We have some amazing readers in our school.

As usual, targets have been reset this week. Of course, I always think that no-one can possibly have got their target in the first week of the half term, but some pupils always do! Congratulations to everyone who has already reached their Spring 2 target:

Melissa (Y2) Ivy, Robert, Sofie P and Thomas (Y3) Amy, Ellie, Emmanuel O, Evie, India J, Max and Rosh (Y4) Avah, Elizabeth and Seb (Y5)

Alexandria, Amelie, Arth, Caleb Y, Damon, Dervis, Emily M, Finley, Jasmine, Joshua Y, Leon T, Leon Z, Maamun, Nic, Osman, Poppy and Yolien (Y6)

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

SCHOOL HOUSES

Harrier House Pyjama Party

Fantastic time was had by all at the Harrier party just before half term.

They played party games, had snacks and juice ending with an ice lolly treat. Lots of prizes won by all!

Who will be the winner this term?

Cross country

Week Beginning 9th March, we are holding our annual House Cross Country Event. Each pupil is encouraged to walk (or run) several laps of our course on the field. If they do, they will earn House Points.

Slightly differently this year, we will then hold a relay House event during lunchtime, where the fastest pupils in each House will join to see which House is the fastest!

This will all be explained to our pupils on the 9th of March in our House Worship. We will let you know when your child will need to come in PE kit.

Eagle



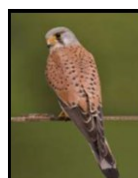
Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Introducing our Prefects

Congratulations to our latest Year 6 Senior Prefects. They have all embodied our nine values on a consistent basis and I know they will continue to serve The Vine with distinction and dedication.



National Curriculum *Give Nature a Voice* Competition

We were told we won last month and we have now received our certificate and trophy. Once again well done to Turquoise Class.



Chicken News

It is with great delight that on the last day of half term our chickens started to lay their own eggs, so far over the last two weeks they have laid 27 eggs in total. We hope to be able to sell these to the school community very soon. The fact that the chickens are laying eggs means that they are happy. To make sure that our girls remain happy and continue to lay, there are a few things that we need to do as a whole school.

Do's: - Please approach slowly and quietly, talk to the chickens they will cluck back.

Don'ts: - Please don't kick or shake the enclosure this will frighten them and they will stop laying! Please don't poke your fingers through the cage. The chickens now have hard beaks and their pecks will hurt! Please don't place anything through the bars as the chickens could potentially eat this, they are very inquisitive.

If you would like to more information or to help us support the chickens, then please do come and speak to either Mrs Bransbury or Miss Bates.





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

Year 5 represented The Vine at the Cambridge University Quick Sticks competition. We arrived and the tournament began straight away. Then we were split into 2 teams. Soon after that the matches began. Quick Sticks hockey is played 4 v 4, we played lots of games each approximately 8—10 minutes long. We improved throughout the afternoon. After the games had finished, there were the presentations. Vine 1 was placed 4th in Division 4. Vine 2 was placed 2nd in Division 5. It was loads of fun!

Written by Seb P

Safer Internet Day.

On Tuesday 10th February we marked Safer Internet Day 2026 with a special worship hosted by Mr McGuire. The pupils were introduced to this year's theme which was: 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Mr McGuire talked about how fantastic AI can be when used responsibly but we also discussed the potential hazards of using AI in an educational setting. The pupils then continued their learning in their classrooms and showed fantastic knowledge of how to stay safe online. Please feel free to check your child's knowledge by asking them the following question: 'Who can you talk to if you see anything online that you think is inappropriate or that makes you feel uncomfortable?.'

Hopefully they should give the answer of 'A trusted adult' (at The Vine that would be anyone wearing a purple lanyard!).

Breathe Well Charity Update

Our non-uniform day raised a fantastic £578

Thank you

The Breathe Well Initiative

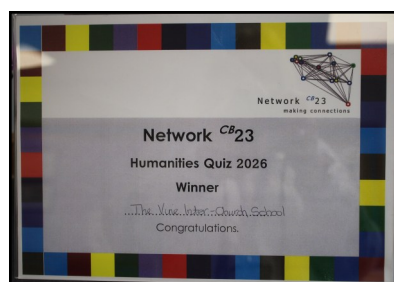
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Humanities Quiz

On the 25th February we went on a Humanities challenge and competed against a few other schools in the local area. (This was a mixed year 5 and 6 team) There were 6 rounds: History, RE, Geography, Current affairs, Flags and Landmarks. There were 10 questions in each round and in the flags round there was 15 points. We had lots of fun and in the end -WE WON! ... written by Pia and George.





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Wednesday 4th March—Holi Day—Colour Run

We had a great time last year- remember to book your place on Arbor. Weather dependent. Remember to wear old clothes.



Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

MR. BUMP
By Roger Hargreaves



Here are a few reminders ahead of World Book Day next Thursday.

- Pupils have been invited to dress as a book cover.
- Any entries to the wooden spoon competition need to be in school by **Tuesday 3rd March**.



- The children can bring in up to 5 books for the Book Swap. Please feel free to send these in before the day so that they are in school, ready for World Book Day.

- During the day, the pupils will be taking part in some shared reading in their houses. If they would like to bring in a book to read to others or have read to them for this, that would be great as it will broaden the variety of books on offer for the shared reading session!

- All pupils will be given a book token next week. These can be used in a number of bookshops up until **Sunday 15th March**. Alternatively, the pupils will be able to redeem their token at our Book Fair to receive £1 off of a book. The Book Fair will be in school from **Wednesday 18th March - Tuesday 24th March**.

Coffee Morning with Educational Psychologist :

Helping your child with their worries about school.

We are offering a free workshop for parents/ carers of children who are finding it difficult to come into school and manage their worries. This will be a supportive environment where she will be able to offer practical advice and strategies.

Tuesday 10th March 2026 9.15am- 10.45am.

If you would like to attend, please email office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk or come into the office to reserve your place.

26 -27 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

1 Sept	Staff Training Day
2 Sept	Autumn Term Starts
26—30 Oct	Half Term
18 Dec	Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2027

4 Jan	Spring Term Starts
15—19 Feb	Half Term
25 March	Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

Summer Term 2027

12 April	Summer Term Starts
3 May	May Day
31 May—11 June	Half Term (includes training days)
22 July	Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 22

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95 %

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 1

CLASS WINNER - Jasper